

Special provision for reservation for women:

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 stipulates that at least one-third of the beneficiaries of the schemes implemented under the Act shall be women. Some State Governments such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu have schemes of reservation for women in Government service.

Creating a positive and congenial work environment for women workers:

A number of protective provisions favouring women have been incorporated in the various labour laws such as Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Factories Act, 1948, the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 etc.

Assistance to women job seekers:

The Employment Exchanges take special care to cater to the job needs of women registered with them.

Besides the above, the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women, 2001 affirms Government's commitment to include women's perspectives in designing and implementing macro-economic and social policies by institutionalizing their participation in such processes. The Policy also lays down that their contribution to socio-economic development as producers and workers will be recognized in the formal and informal sectors (including home based workers) and appropriate policies relating to employment and to their working conditions will be drawn up.

Education and service to terrorism affected areas

†2096. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made to provide education and service to the children in the districts affected by terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that an organization named Seva-Bharati has adopted the children of all religions; and

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(c) whether Government have any plan to give assistance and incentive to such organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been providing financial assistance to the Council for Rehabilitation of Widows, Orphans, handicapped and Old Persons (Militancy Hit Victims), Government of Jammu & Kashmir under their scheme 'General Grant-in-aid Programme for Financial Assistance in the Field of Social Defence' for rehabilitation of widows, orphans, handicapped and old persons (militancy hit victims). The Council has been making further releases to Deputy Commissioners to carry out welfare measures in their respective districts.

The Central Social Welfare Board is also providing grant-in-aid under the Rajiv Gandhi Creche Scheme to voluntary organisations to run creche centres for the children of working mothers in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) and c) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is assisting Non-Governmental Organisations/State Governments under the "Assistance to Homes for Infant and Young Children for Promotion In-country Adoption" scheme for promoting in-country adoption of children. All these organisations including Seva-bharati facilitate children to be placed in adoption irrespective of religion.

Women and child protection units

†2097. **SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:** Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to constitute women and child protection units at district level in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main characteristics of this plan;

(c) the main functions of the said units and the names of supervisory officers of women and child protection units at district level; and

(d) the details of annual Budget for this plan?

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